



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 70,800 in Pennsylvania.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 29,600 in Pennsylvania.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Pennsylvania: 209.9 **National:** 202.3

Pennsylvania ranks 19th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 8,700 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Pennsylvania.
- 8,000 men and women will die of lung cancer in Pennsylvania.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Pennsylvania	National
Overall	56.2	56.8
White	54.8	56.7
Black	78.1	66.4
Hispanic	32.3	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	19.9	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 11,100 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Pennsylvania.
- 2,100 women will die of breast cancer in Pennsylvania.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Pennsylvania	National
Overall	29.6	27.7
White	29.0	27.2
Black	37.7	35.9
Hispanic	21.6	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.7	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 8,600 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Pennsylvania.
- 3,300 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Pennsylvania.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Pennsylvania	National
Overall	23.9	21.2
White	23.5	20.7
Black	30.3	28.5
Hispanic	12.7	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	9.6	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 12,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Pennsylvania.
- 1,600 men will die of prostate cancer in Pennsylvania.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Pennsylvania	National
Overall	33.6	32.9
White	31.2	30.2
Black	74.3	73.0
Hispanic	29.1	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Pennsylvania death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.